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Applicant : Jochen MAURER  
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Title : EXPORT SYSTEMS FOR RECOMBINANT PROTEINS

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450  
Dear Sir:

January 20, 2006

This Amendment is being submitted in response to the Office Action mailed October 20, 2005 in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the Office Action is due January 20, 2006. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.